



The United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit has appointed Laura Turner Beyer to the position of U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Western District of North Carolina. Ms. Beyer will succeed the Honorable George R. Hodges upon his retirement in November 2011 and will be stationed in Charlotte, North Carolina. Chief U.S. District Judge Robert Conrad, commenting on Beyer's appointment, noted, "The Western District of North Carolina has been served for many years by strong bankruptcy judges. Judge Beyer's appointment renews that legacy. We welcome her to the federal bench and look forward to working with her."

Ms. Beyer was born in Tifton, Georgia. She attended Davidson College and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science in 1993. She received her Juris Doctorate from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1998.

Prior to her appointment, Ms. Beyer served as the permanent law clerk to Judge Hodges and worked as an attorney at Smith Helms Mulliss & Moore, L.L.P.

Ms. Beyer, her husband, John, and two children reside in Charlotte.